

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5538, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. COSTA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert
the following:

1 SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available in this Act or any other Act for any
3 fiscal year may be used to develop, adopt, or implement
4 any change to the reasonable and prudent alternative from
5 the biological opinion on the coordinated long-term oper-
6 ations of the Central Valley Project and State Water
7 Project dated June December 15, 2008, as amended, if
8 such change is anticipated to reduce the quantity of water
9 supplies provided to Central Valley Project agricultural,
10 municipal and industrial contractors, water service or re-
11 payment contractors, water rights settlement contractors,
12 exchange contractors, refuge contractors, or State Water
13 Project contractors, unless the Secretary of the Interior
14 certifies that—

- 15 (1) all of data relied upon are the best scientific
16 and commercial data available;
- 17 (2) all scientific studies and reports relied upon
18 have been externally peer reviewed; and

1 (3) any such change is the result of a collabo-
2 rative process that included the State of California
3 and the aforementioned contractors.

